

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **27 March 2006**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-33. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 12-13, 15-16, 18, 23-24, 26-27, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Srinivasan et al (USPN 6,751,647, hereinafter “Srinivasan”), in view of Kikuchi (USPN 6,831,908, hereinafter “Kikuchi”). Claims 3, 14, 20, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Srinivasan and Kikuchi, in view of Kronz (USPN 6,675,196, hereinafter “Kronz”). Claims 6, 17, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Srinivasan and Kikuchi, and further in view of Balog et al (USPub 2002/0022453, hereinafter “Balog”). Claims 1-5, 7, 12-16, 18, 23-27, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Zintel (USPN 6,779,004, hereinafter “Zintel”), in view of Kikuchi. Claims 8-11, 19-22, and 30-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zintel.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Independent claims 1, 12, and 23 were rejected as being unpatentable over Srinivasan in view of Kikuchi. Independent claims 8, 19, and 30 were rejected as being unpatentable over Zintel. Applicant respectfully points out that the combined system of Srinivasan and Kikuchi teaches selecting a communication protocol to use to transfer data between two components based upon **previously established protocols** (see Srinivasan, Abstract, and Kikuchi, Abstract). Additionally, Zintel teaches installing a plug-and-play device driver for a new component (see Zintel, Abstract)

In contrast, the present invention causes two components to negotiate with each other to select **return data types** supported by the first component (see paragraph [0031], specifically page 10, lines 2-7 of the instant application), to enable the first component to receive **asynchronous event notifications** (see

paragraph [0033] of the instant application), to receive **device type and status** of the first component (see paragraph [0032] of the instant application, and to select **a transfer medium** to use to transfer data based upon the type of data (see paragraph [0039] of the instant application). This is beneficial because it provides a technique for selecting return data types, receiving asynchronous event notifications, receiving device type and status of the first component, and selecting the physical transport medium for transferring data.

There is nothing within Srinivasan, Kikuchi, or Zintel, either separately or in concert, which suggests causing two components to negotiate with each other to select return data types, to receive asynchronous event notifications, to receive device type and status of the first component, and to select a transfer medium to use to transfer data based upon the type of data.

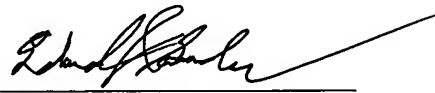
Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 12, and 23 to clarify that the present invention causes two components to negotiate with each other to select return data types, to receive asynchronous event notifications, to receive device type and status of the first component, and to select a transfer medium to use to transfer data based upon the type of data. These amendments find support in paragraphs [0031]-[0033] and [0039] of the instant application. Dependent claims 3-7, 9-11, 14-18, 20-22, 25-29, and 31-33 have been amended to correct antecedent basis.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 8, 12, 19, 23, and 30 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-7, which depend upon claim 1, claims 9-11, which depend upon claim 8, claims 13-18, which depend upon claim 12, claims 20-22, which depend upon claim 19, claims 24-29, which depend upon claim 23, and claims 31-33, which depend upon claim 30, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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